

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP TO JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION

***** PLEASE NOTE THAT INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED ***
INFORMATION IS REQUESTED TO COMPLY WITH STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS FOR
COMMISSION MEMBERS.**

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1. Indicate your present occupation.

attorney

2. If you are an attorney, state the year you were licensed to practice law in Tennessee and provide your BPR Number.

licensed in 1981. BPR # 9692

3. Please indicate the amount of time that you have been a citizen of the State of Tennessee.

40 years

4. List the county or counties you have resided in over the past year.

Williamson

5. Are you a salaried office holder of the State of Tennessee or the United States?

☐ Yes

☒ No

6. If your response to question 5 was yes, are you a member of the National Guard, member of any armed forces reserve organization, district attorney general or employee of a district attorney general, district public defender, or employee of a district public defender?

☐ Yes

☒ No

7. Have you ever pled guilty or been convicted, or are you now on diversion for violation of any law, regulation or ordinance (other than traffic related offenses such as speeding, seatbelt violations, or parking tickets)? Give date, court, charge and disposition.

none

8. To your knowledge, are you now under federal, state or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute or disciplinary rule? If so, give details.

none

9. Please state reasons why you would like to serve on the Judicial Nominating Commission. (300 words or less)

please see attached

10. The Lieutenant Governor (Speaker of the Senate) and the Speaker of the House both have appointments to the Judicial Nominating Commission. Please indicate to which office you would like your application to be sent for consideration.

- ☐ Lieutenant Governor
- ☐ Speaker of the House
- ☒ Both Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House

11. By checking each of the boxes below, I certify that this information is correct:

- ☒ I am not employed as a registered lobbyist.
- ☒ I am not an employer of a registered lobbyist.
- ☒ I do not hold office in any political party or political organization.

Dated this the 26th day of May, 2011.



Signature of Applicant

Upon Completion, please forward this application to:

**Administrative Office of the Courts
Judicial Nominating Commission
511 Union Street, Suite 600
Nashville, TN 37219**

I've devoted the last three decades in civil trial work across the State, trying jury matters in some 75 to 80 counties from Sullivan to Dyer to Shelby to Polk. My aim is to try to try cases in the remaining counties before I retire. In so doing, I have enjoyed the people across the state and have experienced those nuances that distinguish one county's judicial needs from those of citizens of in other places. Hopefully, I've earned some degree of respect from local lawyers—but more importantly—from local litigants who are often having their first encounters with the Court system.

My practice has introduced me to hundreds of lawyers and as a consequence, to hundreds of potential judicial applicants. Admittedly, personal interactions are a poor substitute for a committee's collective wisdom in assessing candidates' qualifications to serve as Judges. Still, there is a place for prior interaction in obtaining a long-term view of candidates' strengths and weaknesses.

Although my practice has been predominantly defense oriented, I would hope that I am perceived to be unbiased in my approach to issues and people and fair in my professional dealings and in my community service.

My belief is that lawyers have a duty to give back time and effort to a judicial system on which we all rely. To that end, I've served as the Tennessee Bar Association's Tort and Insurance Practice Section chair this past year following many more years as a member of the Section's Executive Council. I have enjoyed performing Pro Bono work as an attorney for individual clients and would be honored to give additional time and my very best effort to making the appointed judiciary in our State as strong as possible if appointed to the Judicial Nominating Commission.